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RWDSU Regional Conferences Spark Political Action Drive

A series of regional conferences aimed at bringing the full strength of RWDSU locals to bear behind CIO-PAC in the '54 election campaign will be held within the next few weeks, it was announced by RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Martin C. Kyne. The conferences, to be attended by officers and leading rank-and-file members of RWDSU locals in the areas concerned, will deal with political action as a major item on their agendas.

The first meeting will take place on Sept. 18 and 19 at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich., as part of the annual RWDSU tri-state conference. More than 60 delegates representing 25 local unions in Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia will attend.

Political action will be the theme of the first day's tri-state luncheon session, and of the afternoon meeting that will follow. Vice-Pres. Leonard Woodcock of the Michigan State CIO Council, a leader in PAC work in that state, will be a guest speaker at the luncheon.

RWDSU leaders who are expected to attend the tri-state meeting include Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps and Sec.-Treas. Kyne.

A week after the Grand Rapids conference, a one-day meeting of Pennsylvania RWDSU locals will take place in Pittsburgh on Sept. 26. Representatives of at least 12 locals are expected to be present. Department Store Employees Local 101 will be the host, with the meeting taking place at its headquarters.

RWDSU Vice-Pres. Milton Weisberg, manager of Local 101, is busy lining up an interesting and informative program for the session. Pres. Harry Boyer of the Pennsylvania State CIO Council is expected to attend, as are top officers of the RWDSU.

October will see additional conferences and meetings held in Illinois, New England and New York, Kyne said. As soon as the dates and places are definitely set, local unions in the areas will be notified.

Pension Plan Discussion

The tri-state Midwest conference in Grand Rapids will deal with organizational as well as political matters. An important item on the agenda, Ohio State Dir. Gerald Hughes said, will be the pension plan won at Borden's Dairy and Diamond Milk Co. plants in Ohio.

Considerable interest in the plan has been expressed by leaders of other locals, and the discussion is expected to revolve around the possibility of winning the same kind of program for other groups. Consultants who helped Local 379 work out details of the retirement plan will be present at the conference, Hughes said.

'Your Vote Counts'—

Registration Deadlines

More than 100 million American civilians will be old enough to vote on Election Day, Nov. 2, the Census Bureau reports.

But just how many of them will be able to vote in the coming general elections depends on whether they are registered. In the last five off-year elections only 33.9% to 41.8% have balloted for congressional candidates.

Here is a list of final registration dates in each state where registration is required:

Sept. 17: Montana and city of Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 23: Ohio.
Sept. 24: New Jersey.
Sept. 27: Arizona, Nevada.
Oct. 1: Massachusetts, Washington.

NEW YORK STATE: Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 4, 5, 8: Registration in voter's election district—8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in New York City and Westchester County, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in all other cities and villages over 5000. Oct. 9: Registration hours 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Heaps Addresses Mass. Members



GUEST SPEAKER at Springfield Mass. for Local 224 dinner and meeting was RWDSU Organization Dir. Al Heaps. Heaps and Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail (at left) visited New England RWDSU locals to spark organizing effort throughout area. Local 224 is the union of Milton Bradley Co., educational toy firm. Get-togethers like these also serve to acquaint RWDSU officers at first hand with members and their problems.

Dist. 65 Opens PAC Drive; Supports FDR Jr. in N.Y.

NEW YORK CITY—One thousand stewards of District 65 RWDSU, meeting in the regular monthly General Council Wednesday, Sept. 8, enthusiastically adopted Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson's call to pitch in behind the CIO political action program. One of the chief goals set by the Council is to raise a substantial amount of money for the CIO's Political Action Committee.

Robinson pointed out that the 1954 election campaign presents the first opportunity for '65' to participate fully in CIO political action since its return to CIO, and the stewards' enthusiasm lent substantial promise to the contribution 65ers can make.

The stewards with equal enthusiasm approved the officers' proposal that District 65 delegates to the State CIO Con-

vention, held Sept. 9 and 10 in Albany, support CIO endorsement of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. for Governor.

Calling attention to the failures of the GOP state administration, especially on transit fares and tax policy in New York City, Sec.-Treas. Robinson greeted the news that Gov. Dewey will not run again, and emphasized the need to place a pro-labor candidate in Albany.

"Our big job," he said, "is the election of a New Dealer as Governor."

Robinson observed that there are less than two months left before the elections, and that the mobilization of CIO's five million members can help provide the vote which will eliminate the senators and congressmen responsible for the anti-labor, pro-big business legislation of the recently adjourned 85rd Congress.

In line with nationwide CIO mobilization for political action, the stewards adopted a program designed to carry out CIO-PAC aims. The program calls for:

- Raising funds for CIO-PAC through voluntary contributions of \$1 per member.

- Making sure that all members eligible to vote register for the coming elections.

- Support of all candidates endorsed by the CIO.

Robinson underscored PAC contributions as the major job, and urged that the stewards make sure every 65er is given the opportunity to participate in the drive. With the end of September as a deadline, each steward will get PAC coupon books and make the \$1 coupons available to each member of his crew. By the end of the month the steward will turn in either \$1 for each coupon or the coupon itself.

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250 in Los Angeles, Cal. Newsvendor Group Vote to Join the RWDSU

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Two hundred fifty new members joined the ranks of the RWDSU last week as CIO Local Industrial Union number 75 voted to become Newsvendors Local 75, RWDSU, Int'l Rep. Alfred Bregnard reported.

Launch Drive at R. H. White Branch

WORCESTER, Mass.—A campaign to organize the 200 employees of the new R. H. White department store branch in this city got under way last week. Leaflets were distributed to the employees by a team of organizers of the New England Joint Board, led by RWDSU Vice-Pres. Joseph Honan, president of the NEJB.

During recent negotiations at R. H. White's main Boston store, the union's request for inclusion of the Worcester group as part of the bargaining unit was turned down by management. This sparked the current drive to enroll the branch store people, Honan said.

Assisting him in the campaign are NEJB Org. Dir. George Mooney, and Reps. Hugh McCaffrey and Katherine Lloyd.

The members of Local 75 decided to affiliate with RWDSU in line with CIO policy, which encourages local industrial unions to join appropriate international organizations.

The Los Angeles group is the second newsvendors LIU which has affiliated with RWDSU in California. Last April a smaller local of newstand workers in Oakland was granted a charter in the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union.

In both cases the members have been organized since the middle thirties and were unaffiliated for most of the years since they joined RWDSU.

The new RWDSU members of Local 75 bring with them several well known institutions to add to the roster of big name firms with RWDSU contracts. They work for the five largest newspapers in Los Angeles, second largest city in the U. S. The papers are the Los Angeles Examiner, Times, Mirror, Herald-Express and Daily News.

3 New Plants Organized by RWDSU in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O.—Three newly organized plants in this Midwest area tell a story of progress in the RWDSU building program. As the employees of the Ohio Valley Baking Co. were winning their first RWDSU



THEIR FIRST CONTRACT as members of Local 379 RWDSU-CIO is examined by members of the Bargaining Committee who negotiated agreement for Ohio Valley Bakery workers. Seated, l. to r., Int'l Rep. Edgar Johnson, Mrs. Eloise Chapman, Mrs. Catherine Vitetoe, Bob Hodashelt. Standing, Bill Grant, Perry Carpenter.

contract last month, those at McClellan's Home Dairy Co. overwhelmingly voted for Local 379 in an election, while the employees of Pure Milk & Dairy Co. signed up in Local 379 and asked for an NLRB election to make it official, it was reported by Int'l Rep. Jerry Hughes.

At Ohio Valley Baking the workers won wage increases ranging from five to eleven cents an hour plus improvements in the existing hospitalization and surgical benefit program, with the company paying half the cost; improved vacation pay, the union shop and other conditions typical of an RWDSU contract.

The negotiating committee, led by Int'l Reps. Edgar Johnson, Ed Rosenhahn and Hughes, included Catherine Vitetoe, Perry Carpenter, Bob Hodashelt, Eloise Chapman, Bill Grant and Londo Clay.

The McClellan employees, whose plant is in Lancaster, O., by voting to join RWDSU discarded a so-called independent group which has done little to help them win decent wages. Hughes said the McClellan route salesmen are getting wages equal to what CIO salesmen were getting in 1935. Negotiations on a first RWDSU contract, to begin with, will aim to bring these conditions up to date, he said.

The new RWDSU members in Pure Milk Co., a division of the well known Beatrice Foods Co. in Tiffin, O., are the lowest paid dairy workers in the state, Hughes said.

"Wages range from 90 cents to \$1.10 an hour and there are no grievance procedures or seniority provisions. It is expected that here, too, these conditions will soon be changed to conform to RWDSU standards.

Sign Kraft Food Mo. Employees

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A petition for an NLRB election at the Kraft Foods Co. plant in Eldon, Missouri, has been filed by the RWDSU, it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. John Capell. A lightning drive by the union has enrolled 61 out of the 62 Kraft employees in the ranks of the RWDSU, Capell said.

Management of the plant has been notified of the union's intention to press for NLRB certification as the collective bargaining agent of its employees.

In Labor Day Messages to Nation

UNION LEADERS BLAST GOP

CIO Pres. Walter Reuther in his annual Labor Day message scored present unemployment as "un-American, un-economic and unnecessary," and as a "criminal economic waste" of billions of dollars in production of goods for the betterment of all Americans.

Declaring "there is no lack of work to be done in America," Reuther presented a ten-point program for U. S. prosperity which would also result in alleviating poverty and ignorance throughout the world.

Reuther dealt with the dangers facing our country from "the apostles of fear, hatred and hysteria," making clear the responsibility of the present government leadership. He observed that the weaknesses of America at home endanger not only the security of our own land, but also adversely affect the role of America as a world leader.

AFL Pres. George Meany, in his Labor Day message, blasted the record of Congress and charged that, "except for modest improvements in the coverage and benefits of social security, our government has not made a single move to build for the future."

Mineworkers Pres. John L. Lewis like-

wise took the Republican Administration to task for inaction on needed programs and for its actions on such give-aways as offshore oil and atomic energy. Both leaders urged labor to elect a pro-labor Congress in November.

Heaviest attacks on the Republican Administration came from other CIO leaders. CIO Political Action Committee Director Jack Kroll declared that "In the

past two years we have seen a shocking record of promises denied and promises broken, of weak and divided leadership that merely serves to cloak reactionary performance with honeyed words. Kroll warned that in less than two months from Labor Day workers would go to the polls and have to act on the question: will there be jobs for the people who want to work?

CIO Program for Prosperity

In his Labor Day statement, CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther suggested this 10-point program for a prosperous America:

A full production, full employment program, geared to meeting serious economic deficits.

1 Demonstrate the courage and the good judgment to launch a comprehensive housing program to wipe out the slums in our cities and the shacks on our farms.

2 Take immediate steps to bring our school systems up to current needs in order to provide every American child, regardless of race, creed, or color, an educational opportunity to facilitate the maximum intellectual and spiritual growth of every child.

3 Expand our health facilities to insure that every American citizen will have access to modern health facilities.

4 Raise social security benefits to adequate levels in order to provide security and dignity for our aging citizens.

5 Increase the minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour as the first step providing every American family with a mini-

mum standard of living.

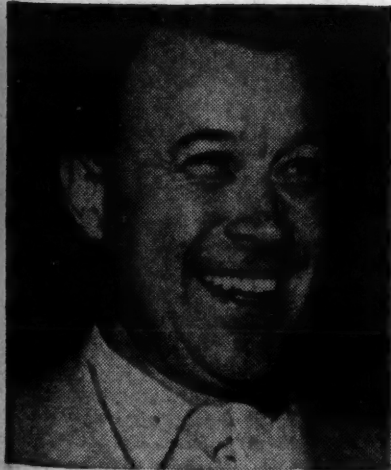
6 Adopt a farm program to give farmers full economic equality with other economic groups.

7 Adopt an international program geared to the courageous use of our food surpluses to fight poverty and hunger in the world—such action will provide the free world with a moral force greater than the power of the H-bomb.

8 Launch a comprehensive program—highway construction, flood control, and resource development projects.

9 Enact a fair tax program based upon tax relief to millions of middle and low-income families, instead of helping wealthy corporations, in order to strengthen the purchasing power base of our economy.

10 Adopt social legislation to improve and strengthen collective bargaining, to guarantee civil rights, and to protect civil liberties. American labor calls upon the leaders of government and industry who currently occupy positions of authority and responsibility to abandon their timid policies and to raise their economic sigh a.



WALTER REUTHER
Hits unemployment as
"criminal economic waste..."

Stevenson Rips Into Ike on T-H

CHICAGO—Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1952, told delegates to the convention of the AFL's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers that President Eisenhower is responsible for the failure of Congress to revise Taft-Hartley.

"Politics dropped to a new low plane indeed," he declared, "in connection with this matter of revising the Taft-Hartley Act."

The President, he charged, had lost the confidence of labor by his proposal for secret strike votes under Government supervision.

Stevenson also attacked recent decisions of the NLRB which is now under the control of Eisenhower appointees.

"The National Labor Relations Board," he said, "has been reconstituted with men who have for years represented management—one of them even admitting that he could be described as a union buster."

"And these three men seem to be re-writing the law on labor-management relationships in this country in accordance with their hardly disinterested views."

The Democratic 1952 standard bearer pointed to recent Board decisions as examples of the way in which labor is being undermined. He cited such Board decisions as those permitting employers to question workers about their union affiliations and to take millions of workers out from under the protection of Federal Labor law leaving them to state and local laws.

Stand-still Economy

Discussing unemployment and the recession, Stevenson charged that the Administration appeared to be satisfied that the economy was "only a little bit behind last year's."

"What this current official attitude reflects," he declared, "is not only apparent satisfaction with the present state because it is no worse, but indifference to the fact that these 'yesterday' answers are inadequate; that yesterday is today a measure not of success, but of failure."

"The answer," he declared, "is that we have to expand this economy of ours, that we have to use to the full the unbelievable richness of this land and this people, that we have to push aside the artificial barriers which are the gates to markets here at home and throughout the world for everything we can conceivably produce."

Labor News Roundup

CIO WINS GOODYEAR STRIKE

AKRON, Ohio—The CIO Rubber Workers, having won a major victory in settling its strike with Goodyear, is now turning its major effort to Firestone where 25,000 union members have been on strike since Aug. 13 in eight plants across the nation.

Some progress is reported in the Firestone talks.

"We hope to be able to clean up the issue without too much delay," George Bass, Firestone local president, said. "If Firestone will give us the same contract which prevails in other companies in the industry, we will be happy to conclude a settlement."

The ending of the seven-week-old Goodyear strike brought important gains to URW members, especially in wiping out area differentials. The average wage increase was 6½ cents. However, workers at Gadsden, Ala. will get an 8-cent boost while those at Topeka, Kansas will get 10 cents an hour more.

In New York talks were continuing between the URW and U. S. Rubber on a new agreement covering 35,000 workers. Prospects for an early settlement are good. Workers at U. S. Rubber and Goodrich are working on a day-by-day basis until a new contract is signed.

Shuts Out Noise, Brings in Boss

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A union metal worker in one of the nation's busiest boiler plants bought a pair of winter earmuffs for protection against the deafening noise pounding at his ears 8 hours a day. He tried cloth earmuffs and then fur earmuffs, but neither kept out the terrible din. Desperate, he decided to exploit his experience as an amateur chemist, and finally came up with a pair of plastic earmuffs that permitted him to work in almost complete silence. His fellow workers at first kidded him about the contraption, but within a week started to ask him to make earmuff sets for them. Within three weeks the union man was doing a roaring business, selling not only to his friends in the plant but also to employees in plants nearby.

At this point a jealous boss stepped in and threatened to fire him for conducting a private business on company property. It took only two hours for the union to notify management that if the man was fired a full-fledged strike would be called. "And we'll be entirely justified under our contract," the union president told the plant manager. "The contract says the company will protect its employees against occupational hazards. The company has never done much to protect us from growing deaf from the noise, but this guy has."

The next day the union inventor was called into the plant manager's office along with the union president. In less than an hour's negotiations the company purchased the rights to produce and sell the earmuffs for \$3,000. But the union man insisted on—and won—one additional agreement. If the company sold the plastic earmuffs in any of its other plants the union was to get 50% of the net profits for its strike fund.

CIO NEWS QUESTIONS ANTI-RED LAW

WASHINGTON—In an analysis of the recent legislation making the Communist Party illegal and denying Communist-dominated unions the right to act as bargaining agents, the CIO News declares that the new law raises "some major questions of civil liberties which cannot be easily answered."

The CIO News contends that the legislation, so far as the outlawing of Communist-dominated unions is concerned, in effect provides for "government licensing of

trade unions—which is dangerous to a free labor movement since it would give the government the power of life and death over all unions."

The paper cites CIO and AFL suggestions that a better way to handle the problem would be the appointment of a study commission to determine what legislation might be desirable to meet the problem of Communist infiltration of labor or other organizations.

"If there was any question then about the wisdom of the CIO-AFL proposal, there certainly should not be any today," the News concluded. "We hope that after the excitement of the election campaign is over, the Congress will take a second more reflective look at what it has done."



LABOR HITS MD. OPEN-SHOP BILL

BALTIMORE—Both the AFL and the CIO are opening a fighting campaign against efforts to add Maryland to the 17 States which already have "right-to-work" bills on their statute books.

Opening of headquarters of the Maryland Right-to-Work Committee here has resulted in the calling of a meeting by the Maryland Council, CIO, where representatives of CIO unions planned strategy to fight the measure which will again be introduced into the Maryland General Assembly next year. Efforts to get such a bill out of committee have failed three times, but the legislation is still being pushed by anti-union forces.

The AFL State Federation has issued a warning that the so-called "right-to-work" legislation is a serious threat to the standard of living of Maryland workers. Harry Cohen, President of the Maryland-District of Columbia Federation of Labor is calling on local unions for contributions to the AFL's Labor's League for Political Education in order to help elect candidates friendly to labor at the Maryland General Assembly elections this November.

As School Bells Ring Again:

OVERCROWDING PLAGUES U.S. SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON—Fall is here, and in the Fall it's back to school and school books for America's school children.

This is the education picture that greets the school children returning to their classrooms:

1. Commissioner of Education Dr. Samuel Brownell estimates some 88 million children and young people will enroll;
2. American Federation of Teachers' President Karl Megel estimates that we are short 300,000 teachers and that the new ones will be inexperienced and that classrooms will be critically overcrowded;
3. The National Education Association warns that "many thousands of children

are being denied a fair educational opportunity in keeping with their potential abilities to contribute to a democratic society; and

4. A bill to encourage and aid school construction was sidetracked in the 83rd Congress.

In Chicago, where the AFT has concluded its annual convention, union President Megel saw new tragedies to our school children possible as the term opens.

"Many of them will be going to school in old stores, churches and other makeshift buildings," he said. "Seven million boys and girls will be in fire-traps and health hazards."

He recalled the March 31 school fire tragedy at Cheektowaga near Buffalo, N. Y., where virtually a whole class was wiped out when 14 children were burned to death in a frame annex to the school building.

"Thousands of them will be going to school in double shifts and in a few places, triple shifts," Megel said.

The AFT President's words were backed by Commissioner Brownell:

"Although our communities are building more schools than ever before in any period of our Nation's history, the rate of construction will have to be nearly tripled if we are to keep pace with the

number of children to be educated.

"To accommodate the growing numbers of children, to erase the estimated September 1954 shortage of 370,000 classrooms and to take care of the continued obsolescence, approximately 720,000 public elementary and secondary school classrooms and related facilities will be needed during the next five years. About 50,000 classrooms will be provided this year."

Megel summarized the school situation as follows: "All in all, more and more boys and girls are being crammed into already overcrowded classrooms so that teachers can teach less and less day by day."

Suburban Bloomingdale Drive Begun by '65'

NEW YORK CITY—As some 1,200 employees of Bloomingdale's three suburban stores came back to work after the Labor Day week-end on Tuesday, Sept. 7, they were greeted by a corps of District 65 department store leaders and members and handed a smart pamphlet with strong reasons for them to join the Union. The Bloomingdale suburban store organizing drive was on.

The campaign seeks to add the suburban employees to the ranks of 2,500 union members employed at Bloomingdale's

A Message from Your Co-Workers
At the 59th Street Store



WE
NEED
EACH
OTHER

Shown above is first page of new organizing pamphlet distributed at Bloomingdale suburban stores.

59th St. store, which is covered by a '65' contract.

At Stamford, Conn., the largest of the three suburban operations, General Organizer Carl Andren is in charge, and the first day saw him, accompanied by Local 2 (Gimbels and Saks) General Organizer John Meegan, meeting the workers there.

District 65 has leased headquarters near each of the branch stores, and a thorough job of redecorating and furnishing them is being done. Besides Andren at the Stamford store, Organizers Stanley Lavalie in New Rochelle and John O'Neill at Fresh Meadows, L. I., have been assigned to the drive.

The opening day of the drive involved rank and file Bloomingdale employees from the 59th St. store, and Stewards Helen Turner and Clifton Price were on hand at the New Rochelle store with Organizer Lavalie.

Andren emphasized that 65ers from the 59th St. store, along with many other members, will be fully mobilized in the campaign's future activity.

Another aspect of the campaign to sign up unorganized Bloomingdale employees was launched Wednesday, Sept. 8, when the 59th St. store's organizing committee gave out leaflets urging contingents, those employees who work irregular hours on the company's call, and Thursday-Saturday workers, to sign union application cards.

New York & Northeast N.Y. Shoe Locals Set Pact Terms

NEW YORK CITY—Preparations for negotiations on a new contract with the 1,200 retail shoe stores whose employees are members of RWDSU Locals 1268 and 287 are under way, local Managers Joseph Binenbaum and Sam Lowenthal announced, and a set of demands approved by the 3,000 members are ready for presentation to the employers.

Negotiations will be carried on with employer associations in most cases, among them the big Shoe Retailers League, which includes such chains as Miles, National, Kitty Kelly and Simco shoe companies. Contracts with independent shoe stores as well as the chains are expiring and will likewise be opened for discussion.

The unions' proposals to the employers include wage increases averaging 15 cents an hour; three weeks' paid vacation after five years' service; additional payments to the health, welfare and insurance fund; three days leave when death in family occurs;



S. LOWENTHAL J. BINENBAUM
Shoe Local Leaders

minimum of eight hours of work on a sixth working day and unemployment insurance coverage for workers in stores employing fewer than four. (The State law provides compulsory coverage only for establishments employing four or more.)

Negotiations will be led by Lowenthal and Bus. Agents Sol Sherman and Jack Malts for Local 287, which covers Brooklyn and Long Island stores, and for Local 1268 by Manager Binenbaum, with Bus. Agents David Geisler and Sam Ringle, who service the stores in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Big Gains Won In Mass. Arbitration

BOSTON, Mass. — Employees of the Olympia Flower Shop, members of the RWDSU New England Joint Board, won wage increases, a cut in hours and other improvements in an arbitrator's award on their contract reopener, NEJB Vice-Pres. Irving Rich reported.

The arbitration took place as the result of a court order since the employer refused to submit the issues to arbitration voluntarily, and the award came after the board investigated Boston flower shops to determine rates and conditions elsewhere in the industry.

Gains for the 14 employees included a reduction of four hours in the work week retroactive to Dec. 15, 1953, resulting in back pay ranging from \$350 to \$400 for all employees. Wage increases of 15 cents an hour were awarded the truck drivers and supper money was raised for all from \$1 to \$1.50. The award also stipulated that hours worked in addition to the new schedule will be paid at time and a half.

The arbitration board consisted of NEJB Pres. Joseph Honan for the union, Olympia Manager Mr. Green for the company and Frederick Moeller, impartial arbitrator appointed by the court. Presenting the case for the union were Vice-Pres. Rich and committeemen George Bossi and Al Goodman.

Rich said the Olympia workers are taking the difficulties of winning this settlement as a signal to organize the flower retailers of Boston. They have immediate as well as long range reasons for such a drive, it was pointed out, since their contract expires next Dec. 15, and they aim to prepare now for its renewal.

Club 65 Facilities Available

NEW YORK CITY—The catering facilities of Club 65 in the handsome, air-conditioned headquarters of District 65 RWDSU are now available to all individuals and organizations, Director Al Bernknopf announced.

The Club 65 facilities include five beautifully decorated ballrooms of various sizes in the 11-story building at 13 Astor Place, accommodating gatherings of 25 to 500. Bernknopf emphasized that charges for such affairs at Club 65, unlike commercial establishments, are geared to the budget of the individual or group, while the quality is the finest.

An experienced banquet staff services weddings, birthday and sweet sixteen parties, confirmations, banquets and other types of affairs. Separate facilities are available for those who observe dietary laws. For further information call the Banquet Office at OR 3-5126, or visit the office at 13 Astor Place, ninth floor.

Pretty Readers Can Vie for Queen of Movie Page Ball

NEW YORK CITY—Anybody ever tell you that you look like a movie star? District 65 members in the Screen Publicists Guild want to know. They're welcoming all pretty female RECORD readers to be candidates for Queen of the second annual Movie Page Ball.

The publicists, whose work you see in the newspaper ads and on the movie posters plugging the films of such companies as Columbia, Warner Bros., 20th Century Fox and others, are conducting the search for a queen of their second annual Movie Page Ball, to be held Friday evening, Oct. 15, at the fashionable Hotel Pierre on New York's Fifth Ave.

Candidates should send photos of themselves, preferably bathing suit shots, to the Movie Page Ball at 729 Seventh Ave., 9th Floor, New York City. A committee of publicists will select semi-finalists from the pictures and will then hold finals to select the Queen.

Besides the coronation of the Queen, the Ball will feature a show written, directed, produced and acted by the publicists.

Tickets for the Ball, which from all advance notices promises to be bigger and better than last year's, can be purchased from publicists at Columbia, Universal, Warner Bros., United Artists and 20th Century-Fox or from General Org. Ben Berman at the '65' Center, 13 Astor Place. Price is \$5.50 per couple.

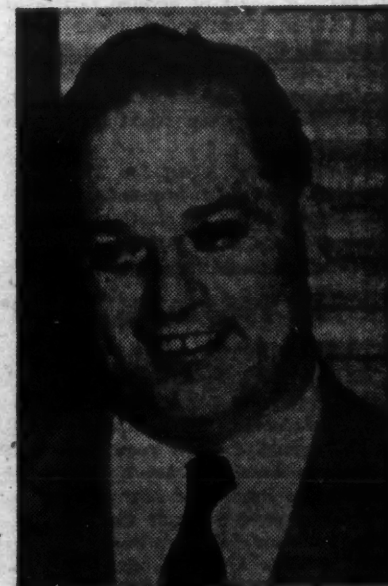


Interfaith Leader

NEW YORK CITY—L. Jerry Fischer, manager of RWDSU Syrup and Preserve Employees Local 193, has been appointed co-chairman of the Labor Committee of the Interfaith Movement, an organization devoted to promoting understanding and cooperation among peoples of different races and creeds.

A high point in the work of Interfaith comes on Sunday, Sept. 26, Fischer said, when the organization's annual public observance will take place on the Central Park Mall. Many public officials, including Sen. Irving Ives and Mayor Robert Wagner, as well as noted entertainers of television, screen and stage, will be featured. Refreshments will be served, and the entire affair will be absolutely free, with no collections of any kind.

Fischer urged RWDSU members in New York to bring their families to Central Park on Interfaith Day, promising them a "day they will always remember."



L. JERRY FISCHER
Aiding Interfaith

New York & Northeast

HURRICANE CAROL HITS R. I. MEMBERS

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The hurricane named Carol came to town Tuesday, Aug. 31, and all but wiped poor little Rhode Island off the map. Nearly 2,000 RWDSU members in this tiny state were caught in the violent storm that caused an estimated \$200 million damage in Rhode Island alone. Practically all members and their families sustained losses to their homes or possessions, but fortunately none were killed or seriously injured in the disaster that claimed 61 lives in this state.

Int'l Rep. Nat. Kushner gave the RECORD a graphic story of the storm's fury and its aftermath. Here is his eyewitness account:

"Hurricane Carol hit Providence at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31. With it came a tidal wave that drove 500 to 1000 feet inland from the shoreline, causing the canal that runs through the center of town to overflow its banks and flood the business section to a depth of four feet.

Lights, power, telephone—everything was out of commission. Every downtown retail store had its basement completely flooded and its ground floor covered by three to four feet of water.

"Even before the storm subsided, the

people of Providence began to pitch in to repair the damage. Thousands of citizens—our members among them—worked like Trojans at the enormous job of salvage. They worked around the clock, some of them for as long as 72 hours at a stretch, by the light of flashlights and kerosene lamps.

"It took three days of pumping just to get rid of the water, and another four days of hard work to restore a semblance of order. But exactly one week after the storm hit, on Sept. 7, the stores were open again, and our members were back on the job.

"We're not back to normal yet. Some of the jewelry plants where RWDSU members are employed may take months to recover from the effects of the storm. Many other firms with whom we have contracts were hard hit. And, just as a sidelight, the telephone and elevator in my office building are still not operating—and my office is on the fifth floor!

"But I'm proud of the way our members pitched in on the community effort to set things straight. Many of them are members of Civilian Defense, and they helped the National Guard and police maintain order and prevent looting in the very stores where they are employed.

"All of them—retail and department store employees, building service workers, hotel and restaurant employees, jewelry and novelty workers—all deserve our congratulations."

Kushner promised that pictures which he took during and after the hurricane would be sent to the RECORD for publication in its next issue.

Wage Boost Won In Plastics Pact

LEOMINSTER, Mass.—Wage increases of three to ten cents per hour and increases of five to 20 cents in piece work rates were among the gains scored by employees of Star Manufacturing Co., a leading plastics firm, in negotiations for their new contract. The settlement was unanimously ratified at a meeting of the workers, members of Local 61, held on July 30 at the Leominster Joint Board Hall, it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. Thomas Leone.

In addition to the wage and piece rate gains, the new agreement provides a sickness and disability benefit plan, under which workers will receive benefits of \$20 per week for a maximum of 13 weeks for any one illness. Maternity benefits were also provided.

The negotiating committee was headed by Shop Chairman Attilio Salvatore, who is serving his ninth term as chairman of the committee; Local 61 Vice-Pres. Alice Gentile, Louis DeCarolis, Francis Bissonette and Danny Scopelliti.

Leone and Int'l Rep. John Fiandaca assisted in the negotiations.

\$2 Hike, Pension Plan Rise At Levittown Drug Stores

NEW YORK CITY—An agreement providing for wage increases of \$2 this year, an additional \$2 hike effective next year, and a 1% increase in employer payments to the '1199' Pension Plan are incorporated into

a new agreement covering 67 employees at four Jan drug stores in Levittown, Long Island.

The contract also provides for a 15-cent hourly increase in hiring rates for inexperienced employees. Part-timers receive a 5-cent hourly raise effective Aug. 1 and an additional 5-cent increase next year. The contract was unanimously approved by the employees following a series of negotiation sessions led by Vice-Pres. William J. Taylor and Org. Floyd Shepard.

Members of the negotiations committee included Patricia Blum of the Jan-Oak store, Abe Wagner of Jan-Lev, Sophie Palmedo of Jan-Bridge, and Joseph Benisch, Jan-Lev.

Shoe Service Local 1191 To Honor Charles Aloisio

NEWARK, N. J.—Members and friends will pay tribute to Charles J. Aloisio, Manager of Shoe Service Local 1191, for his fourteen years of devoted service to the Local at a testimonial dinner in his honor. The dinner will be held on Sunday evening, Oct. 10 at the Essex House. Five hundred persons are expected to attend, Testimonial Chairman Alexander Baune announced.

Another happy event for Aloisio is the recent birth of twin granddaughters on August 27th. The mother is Mrs. Thomas Sacca, his daughter.

2 Boats for Boy Scouts

LEOMINSTER, Mass.—In another indication of the community interest of RWDSU locals in cities and towns throughout the country, Locals 60 and 61 earlier this summer presented the Boy Scouts of Leominster with two boats for their nearby Camp Wanocksett, RWDSU Vice-Pres. Tom Leone reported.

Responding to a request from the local Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Local 60 gave a large rowboat called a dory skiff, while Local 61 donated a Pram type boat, with added equipment to make it a sailboat. Presentations were made at the camp by each local's president—Frank Davis for Local 60 and Salvatore Perla for Local 61.

A letter of thanks from the Scout Executive for the area said in part, "The spirit in which the unions met the request of the Council for the donation of a boat speaks most highly for the public spirit and community mindedness of this union."

Leominster, Mass., Locals Looking Lively



DANCE COMMITTEE, whose officers are shown above, arranged affair held under auspices of Leominster (Mass.) Joint Board of RWDSU. L. to r.: Dance Chairman Thomas J. Leone, Jr. Bd. Sec.-Treas. Rose Hutton and Co-Chairman Salvatore Perla, president of Local 61. Other dance committee members were: Co-Chairman Frank Davis, president of Local 60; Vice-Pres. Alice Gentile of Local 61, Vice-Pres. Tom Tomassian of Local 60 and Sec.-Treas. Bill Bissonnette of Local 61.



LOCAL LEADERS of Local 59, Worcester, Locals 60 and 61, Leominster, and Local 66, Nashua, N. H., gathered at Joint Board Hall in Leominster for meeting last month to map New England organizing plans. In photo above are officers and executive board members of these locals.



STAFF MEETING also took place in Leominster on same day as joint local meeting shown above. RWDSU representatives met with Vice-Pres. Thomas J. Leone (third from left), Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps and Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail (fifth and sixth from left) as well as New England Joint Board Rep. George Mooney (extreme right).

feature Section



UNION MADE EYE CARE. A member of the AFL Laundry Workers is examined at Union Eye Care Center, Chicago, by Dr. Richard Snyder, O. D., a member and steward of RWDSU Local 239. The Center has registered 14,000 patients since opening in December, 1951.

EYE

CARE

By UNIONS

IN CHICAGO

A UNIQUE members' service—high quality eye care at reasonable cost—has been realized in Chicago through the pioneering efforts of the RWDSU Joint Board in that city in cooperation with a group of other CIO and AFL unions.

Union Cooperative Eye Care Center is now in its third year of service to union members and their families covered by the plan. Through the Center have passed nearly 14,000 trade unionists and their dependents, receiving medical eye examinations and vision tests. Charges at the non-profit cooperative have been set as low as possible, while the quality of care is as high as possible.

The Chicago Joint Board, comprising Locals 15, 20, 239 and 291, is holder of membership certificate No. 1 in the Center. The Joint Board officers and educational staff participated from the Center's beginnings in 1950 in a study of the problems of eye care for large groups at reasonable fees, which resulted in the creation by the unions themselves of the Eye Care Center.

But savings on the cost of medical eye care and of glasses are not the most important results of the establishment of the Center, according to Henry B. Anderson, Chicago Joint Board President. Anderson is also vice-president of

the Center, a post he has held since its incorporation in March, 1951.

"We have saved eyesight because of the care taken to uncover eye disease," Anderson says. "And we have saved life itself. These are of course immeasurably vital to our members, but the fact that they have also been charged reasonably for such care gives the service tremendous additional value."

Anderson explains that the ophthalmologists (eye physicians) who make the examinations at the Center have discovered 76 cases of proven glaucoma, rated the nation's top sightkiller by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Another 42 cases of probable glaucoma "are being studied and kept under careful observation," according to the report of the medical director. Most of the members afflicted were not aware that they were victims of the dread disease when they first appeared at Union Eye Care Center for examination.

As to the saving of life itself, Anderson points out that the medical examiners have found three malignant tumors of the eye, each of which was potentially fatal to the member. Surgery was used to take these people out of that danger.

Most of the thousands of members never had a medical eye examination before the union set up the Center. A growing number of these

workers and their wives are establishing the habit of periodic eye check-ups, much as they go for preventive care to their dentists.

The RWDSU locals in Chicago have proclaimed September as "Eye Care Month," during which the importance of preventive eye care by an eye physician is being stressed, in order to encourage members to use the Center regularly.

Union Eye Care Center is owned by 75 local CIO and AFL unions with a combined membership of 80,000. Other unions are joining the plan at the rate of one or more each month. The Center has the endorsement of the Chicago area CIO central body, and among its member owners are such CIO unions as the Newspaper Guild, Steelworkers, Government & Civic Employees and locals in auto, electrical, rubber and clerical fields.

In line with national CIO policy, The Center, of course, practices racial and religious integration of its staff. Services are performed without regard to race either of the patient or the professional attendant.

It is of national interest that this unique service cooperative is a joint CIO-AFL undertaking. As Henry Anderson points out, "We practice labor cooperation every day of the week at the Eye Center."



RUNNING THE CO-OP. Delegates from 75 CIO and AFL unions which own Union Eye Care Center attend two meetings each year to vote on reports of cooperative and elect officers. Chicago Joint Board Pres. Henry B. Anderson, also vice-president of Center, is in second row, at left. Behind him are RWDSU delegates George Menard, left, and Int'l Rep. Carl Sansone.



RWDSU MEMBERS staff Labor Eye Center. Teams representing CIO auto and steel locals make tour of inspection of Union Eye Care Center, labor-owned medical service in Chicago. Nurse Almeda Hughes, R. N., and Dr. Vernon K. Robinson, O. D., standing second from right, are members of RWDSU Local 239.

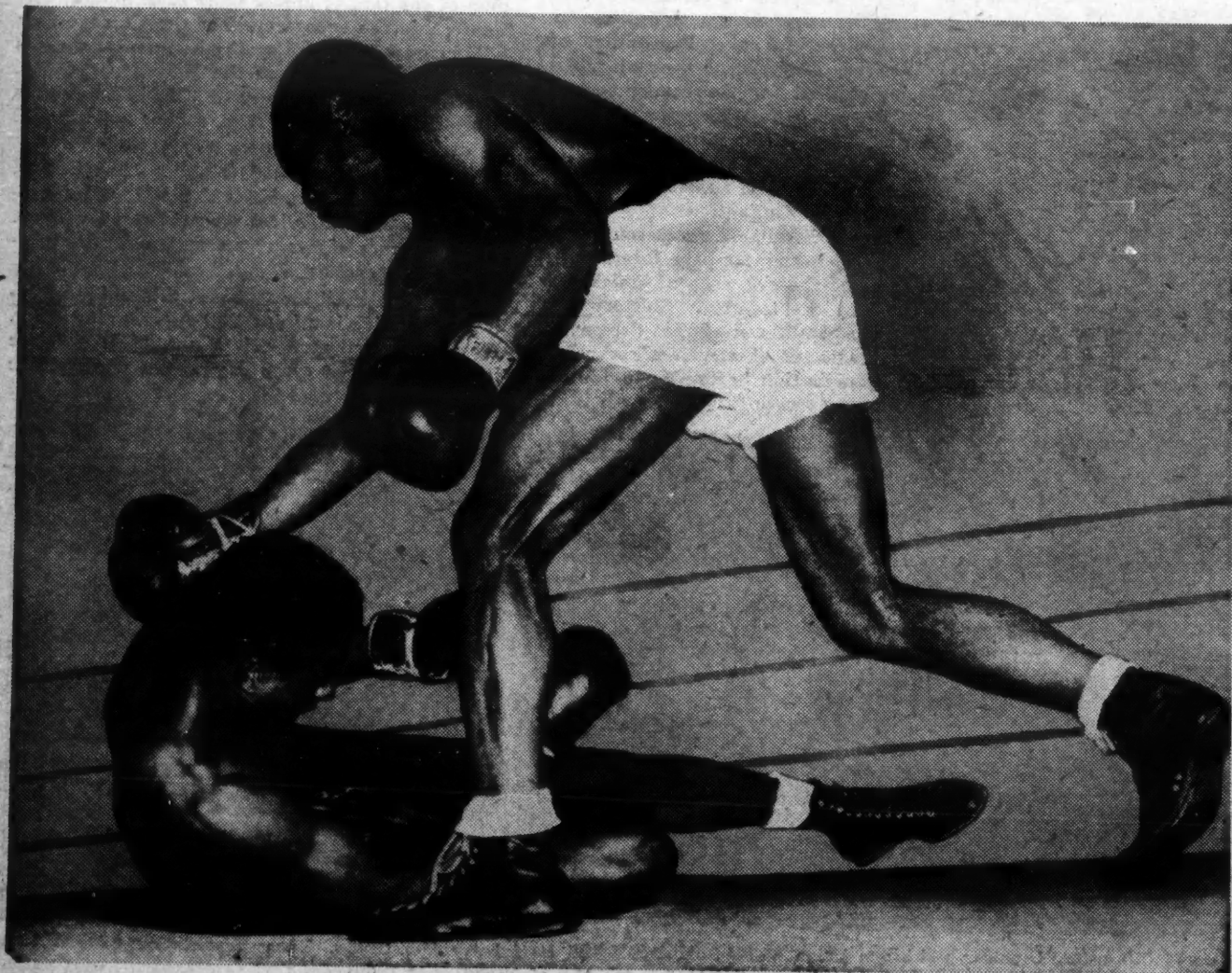
More RECORD Photo Contest Winners



"LOOK, MA, I'M DANCIN'." is what Robert Mende's daughter Nina seems to be saying as she hits impish pose. Mende is a member of District 65 in New York.



"UPSADAISY!" With this picture photog Harry Weissman takes his second \$5 prize. How could 65er Weissman miss with this shot of his neighbor and daughter?



KNOCKDOWN! This exciting instant during a prizefight was permanently captured on film by Gerald Gould, a member of Local 108, Retail Union of New Jersey.

THE third set of winners in the RECORD Photo Contest, shown on this page, are among the best yet in the opinion of the contest judges. It's no surprise to anyone that interest in the contest, among entrants and onlookers alike, remains high.

For three issues now the contest has provided a most attractive page in the paper. The fact that RWDSUers have an eye for a fine and often an exciting picture is proved once again with the three beauties shown here.

There's still lots of time to enter your favorite snapshot, whether you've already done so or not. Yours may be one of the three \$5 prize winners the Record will publish each issue until the contest's closing Oct. 9. Each winner is then automatically eligible for the grand prize of \$25 for the best of all pictures published.

Send your photo or photos to the RWDSU Record, 132 West 43 St., New York 36, N. Y. Be sure to mark on the back of each your name, address and local number as well as a description of the photo, so we'll be able to return them when the contest closes.



—Drawing by Stan Glaubach

Pay-Off for Big Business, Brush-Off for Labor

By MAX STEINBOCK

AS the last echoes of windy oratory were still reverberating in the Capital, and as the members of the 83rd Congress began rehearsing their records of "accomplishment" to present to the voters back home, the high-powered pitchmen of the GOP were already busy trying to pump some more hot air into their leaky bag of wind.

Triumphantly they shouted that Pres. Eisenhower had "batted .830" in getting Congress to pass his legislative program. But they didn't bother to tell the people that their leading batter was hitting in a game where he and his team-mates set the rules, called the plays, scored the tallies and announced the results.

Unfortunately, the Republicans never bothered to tell us what team Ike's team was playing against. Judging by the results, it must have been the entire American people—though special bean-balls were reserved for labor.

The GOP salesmen might at least have pointed out the clever new "hidden-ball" technique worked out by Eisenhower and his colleagues in Congress. Here's the way it works: Ike comes up with some fine-sounding proposals (like amending Taft-Hartley or aiding education or pushing civil rights), passes them to Congress and they promptly disappear. Or, conversely, Congress for once passes a good law (like the pay raise for federal employees), passes it to the President, and he vetoes it.

What did the 83rd Congress accomplish? Very little that was good, and a lot that was bad. Pay-offs for big business, brushoffs for workers, farmers and small businessmen. Here are just a few highlights from this sorry performance:

In the category of hand-outs to the big corporations of our country is the whole "give-away" program, which has effectively given away such public resources as oil deposits under the ocean floor, atomic power development and sale, and the sale of water power, even where dams are built with public funds. War surplus plants including those built by the government to produce synthetic rubber, have been made available to private companies at bargain rates.

And one of the juiciest plums of all was the generous tax relief given to big business, including reduction in taxes on the income of coupon clippers, while wage earners got practically no help at all. The government's policy towards the farmers followed the same pattern as price supports for farm produce were dropped, thus further reducing farmers' income.

Reuther Hits Giveaway

Comparing these give-aways with the veto of a pay raise for government workers, CIO Pres. Walter Reuther pointed out that the Republican Administration gave away billions of dollars worth of the people's resources to wealthy industry, "but now denies a modest and long overdue salary increase to federal employees."

The big piece of "labor legislation" acted on by Congress was included almost as an afterthought in the anti-Communist bill which was frenziedly passed in the closing days of the session. Special provisions in that law, denounced by all sections of the labor movement, permit unions to be stripped of their rights if they are deemed to be "Communist-infiltrated" by a political agency, the Subversive Activities Control Board. Despite "guarantees" protecting unions affiliated with the CIO, AFL and other major labor bodies, these unions were unanimous in calling this a union-busting bill.

Congress threw out the President's plea, weak as it was, for giving government aid to existing health plans. They also took Ike's likewise inadequate housing recommendation, killed it and with it practically killed public housing altogether.

To complete the picture of this record, called "shameful" and "contrary to the public interest" by the CIO, it is necessary also to take a look at what Congress did not do. It did not even nod in the direction of very badly needed federal aid to education and a school construction program. It did not go near any changes in Taft-Hartley, as the President had solemnly promised during his '52 election campaign.

On civil rights the Congress did nothing constructive. It took no steps to curb Senate filibusters, biggest obstacle to civil rights legislation.

Finally, Congress did not act to alleviate mounting unemployment nor did it move to check rising living costs, which have approached the highest point in history.

On this kind of scoreboard, the GOP batting average adds up to few hits, no runs, lots of foul balls and plenty of errors. The question right now is: how will the opposing team—the American people—make out when they come to bat on Election Day?

We'll all be reading the new line-up on the morning of Nov. 3; let's make sure that it's a better one than the late unlamented 83rd. Register and vote! Support CIO-PAC, whose slogan this year is "The job you save may be your own!" A buck for PAC is a mighty reasonable form of insurance against another depression.

Congress Put Off . . .

- Improvements in Taft-Hartley.
- Anti-recession measures to boost income, halt rising unemployment and cut high living costs.
- Increase in federal minimum wage.
- Repeal of unjust sections of McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.
- Civil rights bills, and curbs on filibusters.
- Statehood for Hawaii, Alaska.
- Aid to education.

Congress Paid Off . . .

- Oil interests, by tidelands giveaway.
- Bankers and insurance companies, by raising mortgage interest rates.
- Big business, by gimmicks in the tax law.
- Rubber industry, by giveaway of synthetic rubber factories.
- Housing lobby, by wiping out rent controls and killing public housing.
- Power lobby, by giveaway of Niagara Falls hydroelectric power, cutting TVA funds and opening atomic energy to private exploitation.
- Wool growers, by special deal giving them 120% of parity price supports.

HOW TO BUY

Watch Out for Gimmicks In Mortgages

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

THE 30-year mortgages with lower down payments provided by the Administration's new housing regulations are being lauded by mortgage lenders and builders, but are a poor deal for home buyers.

There is one new provision, for open-end mortgages, that can be a help to homeowners if wisely used.

The long mortgages themselves are a bad deal because first the Administration raised the interest rate on FHA mortgages, and now it has stretched out the period of repayment. The higher cost is thus made initially painless. But it is very expensive in the long run.

In the case of a \$10,000 mortgage, the monthly payment including principal, interest and FHA's premium, will be \$54 a month (not including property taxes and fire insurance) on the new 30-year basis. The same \$10,000 mortgage on a 20-year basis would require payments of \$67 a month. On the surface this looks attractive to a moderate-income home buyer. His usual tendency is not to study the value of the house or the interest rate and terms of the mortgage, but to ask, "How much do I have to put down and how much a month can I carry it for?" In fact, that's the way houses are often advertised nowadays.

But when you pay off that 30-year mortgage at the rate of \$54 a month, you repay a total of \$19,440 to clear off your original \$10,000 debt. When you pay it off in 20 years, you repay a total of \$16,080. On a 30-year mortgage you pay in interest charges alone as much as the house cost to build.

The other reason why the new regulations are harmful to the millions of families still waiting to buy homes is that they substitute easy payments for better value. For a \$12,000 new house, the buyer now needs to put down only \$1200. On a \$6000 older house, only a down payment of \$600 is required. Thus the builder and seller are better able to get their asking prices, and the hoped-for downturn in charges for houses is further delayed.

Admittedly, lower down payments are a help to a family that urgently needs a home and has little cash. You simply pay more, as when you buy furniture, cars and other goods with little or no down payment.

Open-End Feature

The open-end provision that can now be included in FHA mortgages where state laws permit, has been available in conventional mortgages for some time. You should try to get it in your mortgage when you buy a house, but avoid using unless really necessary. The open-end provision means that the lender holding your mortgage will advance you money for repairs and improvements simply by increasing the amount of your mortgage balance. Because the interest rate is the same as on your regular mortgage (4½ to 6 per cent depending on where you live and whether GI or not), an open-end mortgage is the cheapest way to borrow home-improvement money. Even though you must pay additional mortgage fees (frequently \$25-\$30 per \$1000 borrowed, depending on where you live), the cost is substantially less than that of one of those notorious FHA home-improvement loans which carry a true interest rate of ten per cent.

Families who already have mortgages without an open-end provision, might consider a second mortgage in lieu of an FHA improvement loan when household money is needed. A second mortgage generally calls for a higher interest rate than an open-end advance—about six per cent.

Your Family's Health

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

By Doctors of District 65 Security Plan

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, or hypertension, is a common disorder which shows up in the heart and blood vessels of the body. If blood pressure remains consistently high for a long period of time, it can result in damage to the heart, the kidneys, and other organs of the body.

What causes hypertension is still a mystery. By some unknown reason, the arterioles (tiny branches of the arteries that carry blood to all the tissues of the body) begin to tighten up. The passage-way for blood becomes smaller, and the heart has to work harder to push the blood through to the tissue. After a time, the walls of the blood vessels toughen and lose their elasticity, and the heart muscle thickens because of the extra workload.

There is a common notion that the higher the blood pressure, the more reason to fear damage to the heart and blood vessels. Research has shown, however, that the degree of pressure by itself doesn't make too much difference. What's more, your heart is a remarkably tough organ, and normal arteries are strong enough to withstand tremendous pressures. Hence, high blood pressure rarely means a sudden breakdown in either the heart or arteries.

Normal pressure varies for different people and at different times. Only a doctor can tell by a physical examination whether you have high blood pressure, and whether it's serious enough to need attention. Actually, you can have high blood pressure without being ill or in danger of a sudden breakdown of your heart or arteries. Pressure sometimes goes up for a period of hours, days or weeks—or even longer—and then drops back to normal.

Science has not yet found any one reliable treatment for high blood pressure, but in recent years there have been some encouraging results from drugs, surgery, psychotherapy, and special diets. Which treatment is used depends on the particular patient, and only a doctor can advise on the prescription. Certain drugs have been used successfully to lower the blood pressure and reduce the risk of damage to the heart and blood vessels. They must be administered by or under the direction of a physician, however.

A surgical procedure, called sympathectomy, is also sometimes used. In this, nerves which lead to the blood vessels of the abdominal area are cut. Many blood pressure patients find relief after such an operation. Another kind of treatment which has been used with some degree of success is the elimination of most of the salt from a patient's diet. Eating less than usual may help, too, particularly for those who are overweight.

In brief, the right kind of diet, as advised by the doctor for the patient's age, weight, and condition, can be of value.

There are no general rules that will help everybody, but the following suggestions include points that most doctors would emphasize for you if you have high blood pressure:

1. If possible, rest when you begin to feel tired.
2. Eat four or five light meals instead of three heavier ones.
3. Go easy on coffee and easy on tobacco; go easy on stimulants generally.
4. Get some sensible, light, outdoor exercise a couple of times a week.
5. Go to bed well before midnight.
6. Keep your weight normal.
7. Argue and worry as little as you can.

Free Crochet Pattern



MODERN TRIO—Pillow covers go modern in color, texture and design when made of the new, double-thick crochet cotton. Vivid yellow cotton in the interesting shell stitch forms a cover of tasteful simplicity for a 14-inch square pillow. Dramatic geometric designs contrasting colors beautify round pillows measuring 15 inches in diameter. Dress up your sofa with this modern pillow trio in colors suited to your setting. Crocheting instructions for making all three may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Pattern Dept. of the RWDSU RECORD, 132 W. 43 St. Please ask for Leaflet No. S-428.

Deviled Ham Puts Zip in Gelatin Salads

By DOROTHY MADDOX

EVER try using canned deviled ham in molded gelatin salads? Do try it sometime, and you'll be delighted with the novel results.

Here are two brand-new recipes. All our family enjoyed them, and we hope you will, too.

Red Devil Gelatin Mold (Makes 6 servings)

One package lime or lemon gelatin dessert, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, 2 tablespoons regular or wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon horseradish, 1 family size (4½-pz.) can deviled ham, ½ cup diced celery, 4 hard-cooked eggs.

Prepare gelatin as directed on package and stir in seasonings. Chill. When nearly thickened, stir in deviled ham, celery and 2 chopped eggs. Cut remaining 2 eggs in slices and arrange in oiled mold. Spoon in gelatin so that egg-slice design is not disturbed. Fill mold and chill in refrigerator until firm. To serve, unmold on large plate and garnish with carrot curls, radish roses and slices of lemon.

Deviled Cottage Layer Mold (Makes 6 to 8 servings)

One package lime or lemon gelatin dessert, 1 tablespoon minced onion, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, pinch black pepper, 1 8-oz. container cottage cheese, 1 family size (4½-oz.) deviled ham, 4 radishes, sliced, 1 small green pepper, diced.

Prepare gelatin as directed on package. Stir in seasoning and chill until nearly thickened. Spoon layer of seasoned gelatin mixture in bottom of ring mold and let set until firm. Mix together cottage cheese, deviled ham and cut-up vegetables. Spread on layer of set gelatin. Pat cheese-ham mixture down to make it smooth and even, then spoon on remaining gelatin mixture to make a third layer. Chill in refrigerator until firm. To serve, unmold on large plate and fill center with mixed salad greens, dressing or relishes.



Deviled cottage layer mold, top and red devil gelatin mold are two hearty molds which are ideal to serve almost any time.

MOVIES

in review

SABRINA . . . Excellent

"Sabrina" opens with an introduction of the Larrabee family and its magnificent estate, which includes an indoor tennis court, an outdoor tennis court, an indoor swimming pool, and an outdoor swimming pool, etc. The time—the twentieth century. The place—Long Island.



Audrey Hepburn

Sabrina, Audrey Hepburn at her best, is the twenty-year-old daughter of the millionaire Larrabees' chauffeur. She is very much in love with David Larrabee, a three time loser in marriage. He, of course, doesn't know it. Who ever heard of the chauffeur's daughter going out with her father's employer's son?

David Larrabee, played by William Holden, is what one calls a lady's man. After three marriages what else could he be called? He never knew that Sabrina existed as a woman until she returned home from a prominent Parisian cooking school, no longer looking like a child but a very sophisticated young lady. David is immediately attracted by her newly-attained charm.

Linus Larrabee, Humphrey Bogart, is the older son of the Larrabees. He is always engrossed in building up the family bank book, except for the time he spends helping his younger brother out of his love affairs. At present David is engaged to a young lady whom the whole family approves of due to certain business needs. Linus is called upon to entertain Sabrina, in fact to keep her out of the way until David is safely married again.

What happens should be quite easy to imagine, if not, do see the picture. You will find it very entertaining, with good acting.

—NORMA PERLIN

THE EGYPTIAN . . . Fair

"The Egyptian" is a masterpiece of design but its scenery and costumes, which are some of the most stunning to hit the screen, take priority over the story in a medium where the play should be the thing. The story is the autobiography of Sinuhe, a physician by trade and truth seeker by nature, who travels the world to find the meaning of his existence. Edmund Purdom plays this central role earnestly enough, but he fails to hold the movie together when the story lags.

The picture starts in low gear with young Sinuhe chasing after fortune-hunter Bella Darvi for several reels. Sinuhe (it means "one who is alone") then becomes involved in political intrigues with Gene Tierney and Victor Mature before he finds his mission in the gospel of the Pharaoh, Michael Wilding. It is from the latter's death that at last some valid and moving scenes emerge.

Actor Mature and actress Tierney are properly conniving as the aspirants to the throne but Mr. Wilding is colorless, playing his role with neither the authority of a Pharaoh nor the zealotry of an apostle.

The work of Jean Simmons should not go unmentioned though her talent was curbed in the lackluster role of the tavern maid who loved Sinuhe. The visual effects of "The Egyptian" are great but the bulk of the story and acting fail to equal them.

—MARVIN GROSSMAN

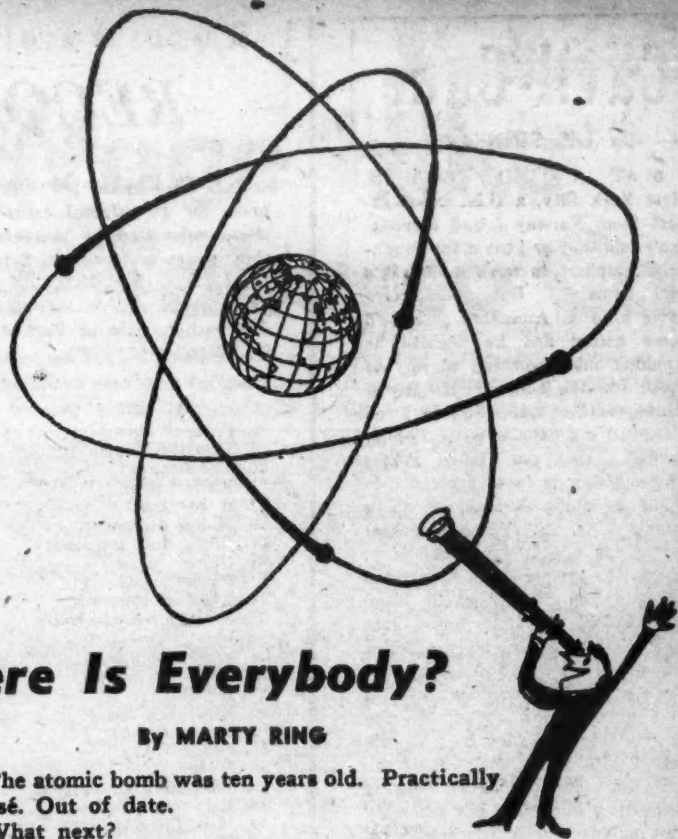
THE RECORD RECOMMENDS

Excellent

Sabrina
On the Waterfront
Rear Window
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
Victory at Sea
Lili
Knock on Wood
Mr. Hulot's Holiday (Fr.)
Mexican Bus Ride (Sp.)

Good

The Caine Mutiny
The Student Prince
Man with a Million
Scotch on the Rocks
Magnificent Obsession
Living It Up
Garden of Evil
Three Coins in the Fountain
About Mrs. Leslie



Where Is Everybody?

By MARTY RING

The atomic bomb was ten years old. Practically passé. Out of date.

What next?

A hydrogen bomb?

Of course! The very thing. So they made it.

Then somebody said, this time let's make a really big one.

It wasn't easy.

How the scientists worked!

They screwed up their brows, they writhed in mental agony. They tore up formula after formula—till their finger tips screamed.

Then finally some one carried the two to the next column. And it all added up.

THE COBALT BOMB—WOW!

How can we use it?

Well we have a few purposes for the Cobalt Bomb:

Number 1—We can blow up the earth.

Number 2—We can—Well we can—

So you see there are a few ways of utilizing this bomb.

Going thru

channels

By ROBERT ROSSNER

For an example of the sort of television show that can make the grade of full-season program, after a humble beginning as a summer replacement, take a look at "Soldier Parade" (Wednesday—American Broadcasting Co.—7:30-8:30 P.M. EDT).

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Recruiting Service, the show features a ten-minute filmed commercial.

On one recent show, viewers were enticed by scenes at the Ft. Benning Ranger School. And Mistress of Ceremonies Arlene Francis, who chalks up more TV time than a station signal, has a simply inspirational line, which she uses from time to time: "It's great to work for the Army—why not try it?"

Stuff like that. All performers are servicemen, and La Francis' introduction covers their entire service records, plugs the home town, and exploits every outlet for Army esprit de corps. But the talent makes it all worthwhile.

A must program on Sunday (at this reviewer's home, at any rate) is the Hallmark Hall of Fame (5 P.M.—NBC). This is one of the decidedly superior dramatic shows to appear on TV. For one thing, its commercials are almost painless. For another, the acting usually equals the high level shown in choice of scripts.

Hallmark's opening venture of this season was entitled "Dynamite," and tried to explain the reasoning of Alfred Nobel, who first invented dynamite and then, perhaps shocked by its potential, founded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

It struck this viewer as rather thin. Perhaps, though, there is some sort of moral in it for those who have been busy-ing themselves lately with the hydrogen bomb.

At any rate, this is definitely one of the best programs on television. Among the treats that can be expected from Hallmark this season will be a Christmas production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the beautiful Christmas opera that has appeared on this program for the past two years. A very commendable effort from Hallmark, and worth viewing.

A QUICK FLICK OF THE DIAL:

Here are some of the best TV shows, week in and week out, that you will be able to see this fall:

Person to Person: Edward R. Murrow talking intelligently to interesting people in their own homes. (Friday, 10:30 P.M.—CBS).

Kukla, Fran and Ollie: A very wise collection of imaginary people, or things, or something. Funniest program on television. (Monday through Friday, 7 P.M.—ABC).

Topper: Half an hour of wild insanity, on film. The old Thorne Smith family of disappearing dogs and drunken ghosts comes across very well on this show. (Friday, 8:30 P.M.—CBS).

Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

● AT UNITED NATIONS, New York City, a U.N. labor expert from Norway found Manhattan's midsummer heat a far tougher atmosphere to work in than his cool homeland. But there were some unusual American jobs he'd come across and he decided he wouldn't mind working at any of these for the summer: 1—Henry Bruns, of Newman, Ga., is hired to spend six days a week fishing beside a cool, trout-filled brook; he tests fishing lures for a tackle firm; 2—Philip Kratze, of Long Island City, N. Y., an official tester for a soft drink company, is paid to sample 20 to 25 flavors of soda pop each day; 3—Mary Ann Foley, of Minneapolis, gets out of bed every morning and travels downtown to a department store where she snuggles into bed in a store window and spends the day relaxing or snoozing; 4—Arthur Terly, of Philadelphia, is the envy of union colleagues because while they work on a hot assembly line making air-conditioning units, Terly spend his day in an insulated room testing the air-conditioners; 5—Philip Johnson, of Long Beach, Cal., is paid to dive into a salt-water swimming pool several times an hour to test the effect of salt water on his swim trunks.

● IN SYRACUSE, N. Y., labor leaders advanced proof that with union men the principle of the thing is more important than the money involved. A claim for 90c in overtime pay by Arthur Williams, a member of the CIO United Auto Workers Local 1171, against his employer, Aircooled Motors Inc., will go to the U. S. Supreme Court for final settlement this fall. The union man claimed the company failed to pay him time-and-a-half which was due him for one of two hours he spent voting in the 1952 national elections. Supported by his union, Williams' suit was turned down by a city court and then a county court. Then the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court reversed the lower courts and upheld Williams' claim. The company appealed from this, but the Court of Appeals again upheld the union case. By the time the U. S. Supreme Court decides the 90c issue, according to union leaders, the company will have spent enough on legal fees to provide every worker in the plant with a substantial pay rise.

DOUBLE STANDARDS



RECORD CROSS-WORD

By Miriam Auerbacher
Wife of Bert Auerbacher
Schwab Latex Co.
District 65 (NY)

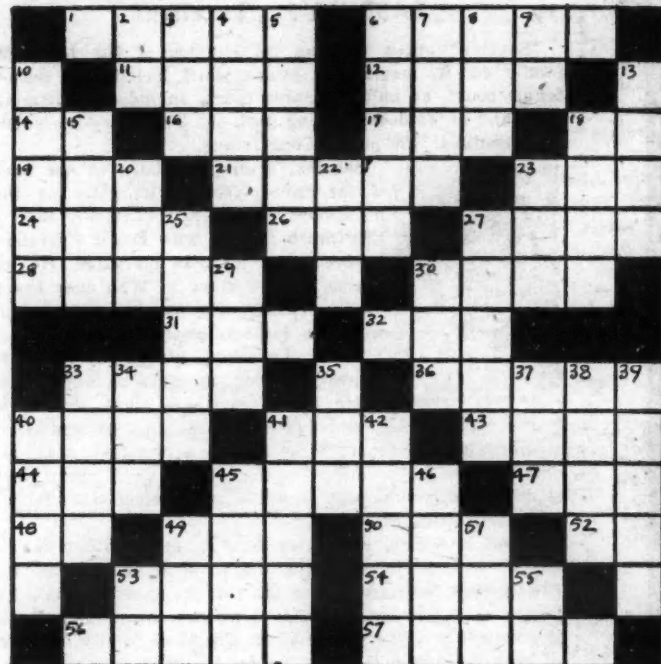
Each issue of the RWDSU RECORD will award a \$5 prize for an original cross-word puzzle chosen from those submitted by members of RWDSU locals, or their wives or husbands. Send your ORIGINAL puzzle to RWDSU RECORD, 132 W. 43rd St., New York City 36, N. Y. Winner this issue is Mrs. Miriam Auerbacher, wife of Bert Auerbacher, Schwab Latex Co. District 65 (NY).

ACROSS

1. Part of stoves
6. Smoothed down
11. Encourage
12. West Indian plant
14. A continent
16. Maker of honey
17. Profit less expense
18. Rupee (abbr.)
19. Frozen water
21. Type of recreation
23. Start legal proceedings
24. Single things
26. Girl's name
27. Is ill
28. Birds live here
30. Poker stake
31. Swiss River
32. Insect
33. Mineral used in soap
36. Eats
40. Valuable fur
41. Sailor (slang)
43. Penny
44. Girl's name
45. Instruments for manual labor
47. Cravat
48. Back (prefix)
49. Bleat
50. Olden (poetic)
52. First word of baby
53. Rubber play toy
54. To plant
56. Sound made by dogs
57. Having sugar flavor

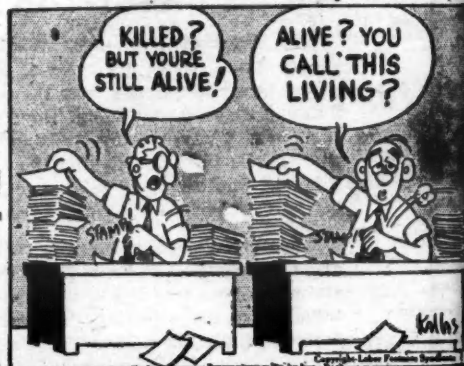
DOWN

2. Southern State
3. Flow back
4. Require
5. Type of meat
6. To imagine
7. Dart poison
8. Short for literature
9. Spanish article
10. Strength of RWDSU
13. Money paid to Union
15. Skin condition
18. Draw lines
20. College degree
22. Scold
23. Pose for portrait
25. Plant stem
27. A prank
29. Baglike cavity
30. In addition to
33. A definite period
34. Indefinite amount
35. Also
37. To ensnare
38. Girl's name
39. Vapor
40. Female horse
41. Aims
42. To make holy
45. Speak
46. Killed
49. Tavern
51. River in Scotland
53. College degree
55. Prefix down

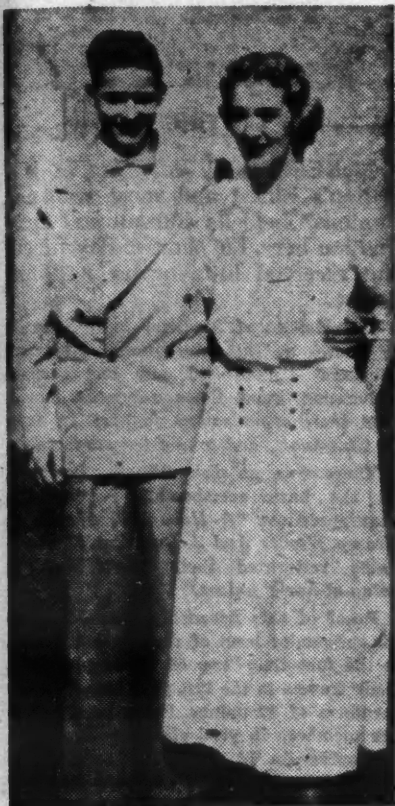


Crossword Puzzles edited and prepared by Nat Lester and Joseph Manfre, Gimbel Bros. Sign Shop, Local 144.

HAZY HERB



Ala. Shop Steward Takes a Bride



GUY DICKINSON, shop steward at Martin cake shop, Local 441, Birmingham, Ala., married the former Miss Bobbie Faye Frederick recently. This honeymoon photo was taken in the Smoky Mts. of North Carolina.

Ala. Bakery Talks On After Quick Campaign

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—With this city's major bakeries under RWDSU contract for many years, Local 441, seeking new fields to conquer, is going after the smaller independent bakeries. The first such firm, Rutland Bakery, has already been organized, Vice-Pres. Frank Parker reported.

Fifteen out of the 16 Rutland employees signed RWDSU application cards, Parker said. When the employer was confronted with this fact, he agreed to recognize Local 441 and negotiate a union contract.

Parker reported that negotiations are in progress. The union is seeking a cut in hours from the 60 hours per week that the unorganized employees were working to a 40-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime, as well as a substantial wage increase.

Organizer's Success Secret

SAVANNAH, Ga.—A young CIO organizer assigned to the South quickly became the envy of his colleagues by compiling an extraordinary record of success in organizing new plants. One of the other CIO men finally tackled him.

"What I don't understand," he said, "is how you reach the people in a new plant so quickly. We try to get a list of new employees from the company but they'll never give it to us. Then we practically have to go house-to-house trying to find out who's been hired. But apparently you get hold of all the names as soon as they go on the payroll. How the heck do you do it?"

The young CIO organizer smiled. "Well, I go about this a bit differently than you fellows," he said. "You start out after all the workers you can find. But I try to organize just one single man." The other organizer looked baffled and asked, "But don't you go after all the names and addresses?"

Again the young CIO organizer smiled. "Yes, I get all the names and addresses," he replied. "In fact I sometimes get the names and addresses of new workers within two hours after they're hired. I even do better than that; I also find out what department or shop in the plant they're working in. And that's the point of why I concentrate on organizing one single worker when I tackle a new plant. The one worker I always organize—no matter how long it takes—is the guy in charge of the lockers. When a man is hired to take care of the lockers he has to take down in writing the name, address and department of every worker to whom he assigns a locker. That's all, brother!"

Press for Wage Hike At Amer. Tobacco Co.

CHARLESTON, S.C.—Local 15 has begun contract negotiations with the big American Tobacco Co. cigar plant here. The company's flat "no" at the first sessions to the 1,200 workers' demand for a substantial wage increase has spurred plans by Local 15 to contact all unions with contracts in American Tobacco Co.

In the first negotiating conference the union committee laid down the serious need for a wage increase for all the plant's employees. Labeling an increase a "must," the committee pointed out to company representatives the jump in food prices in the Charleston community and rising rents as well.

Adding to the hardship brought on by rising costs of living, the company was told, is the fact that the past year has seen lower incomes for most American Tobacco workers as a result of short work weeks, usually four days per week.

Lebold said that in contrast to these conditions, the company's refusal to consider any wage increase this year comes against a background of one of the highest rates of profit for American Tobacco in the company's history. The high profits, Lebold said, have come in despite a lower volume of sales, and is mainly accounted for by elimination of the excess profits tax and other generous tax relief granted to business by the Republican Administration.

Since the preliminary contract talks, preparations are continuing for involving other unions with American Tobacco cigar plant contracts in efforts to secure improvements. Arrangements for a conference of these unions are under way, and leaflet distributions at the other plants are also being discussed.

Meanwhile the local turned its attention to an arbitration concerning the unjust penalty layoff of one of the plant leaders, Steward Elizabeth Porter. The case was heard Aug. 23 before an American Arbitration Ass'n arbitrator and a decision is being awaited.

Steward Porter was given a one-week penalty lay-off as the result of a discussion with the third floor supervisor around grievances involving two workers in her crew. The union is demanding withdrawal of the penalty and restoration of the week's pay lost. Present at the hearing were the plant grievance committee, including Chairlady Nan Carter, Local Exec. Board Chairman John Cummings, Stewards Peggy Murray and William Huger and Pearl Lezure.

Company representatives included Mr. Gill of the company's New York office, who is in town for the contract negotiations, the attorneys and Charleston plant management.



THE VOTE AND THE SMILES were both unanimous at meeting of American Tobacco Co. employees. They voted to reject the company's offer of no wage increase and keep negotiating. Result: talks resumed.

Tenn. Locals Map Merger

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The historic merger convention of the RWDSU last May, when three separate international unions were united in one, is being duplicated on the local level in this city, where two local unions are merging.

RWDSU Vice-Pres. Frank Parker reported that Local 761-A and Local 150 have set up committees which will work out details of the merger, as well as a constitution for the combined local. This action followed several meetings between Parker and Org. James Pate of Local 150.

The striking fact about this move is not merely that one local is being formed out of two, but that a scant four months ago the two locals were in separate international unions, since Local 150 was formerly part of the Distributive, Processing and Office Workers of America.

Local 761-A comes into the merger with about 75 members, employees of Meadow Gold Ice Cream Co. Local 150 has 260 members, who are employed by J. L. Perry Co., U. S. Tobacco and Ralston-Purina.

7-12c Raises Won At Ralston-Purina

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Winning their first two-year contract, the 100 workers at Ralston-Purina, members of Local 28, approved a new agreement which calls for increases ranging from seven to 12 cents an hour plus other gains, Int'l Rep. Irving Lebold reported.

Initial difficulties around the company's stiff plant regulations were quickly ironed out when management agreed to submit a set of rules "everybody could live by," Lebold said. From then on negotiations proceeded smoothly, and agreement was reached on such additional provisions as incorporation into the regular wage structure of a two cent cost-of-living increase won last year, pay for holidays falling on Saturday and three weeks' paid vacation after 15 years' service.

Lebold pointed out that the 12 cent hourly increase won affects some 30 employees, or nearly a third of the plant. He added that the incorporation of the cost-of-living hike actually makes the increases nine to 14 cents an hour. Minimum wages at the Ralston plant were increased from \$1.15 to \$1.22 an hour.

Other provisions of the new contract call for wage adjustments every three

months based on the cost of living, rest periods of ten minutes each in the morning and afternoon and an additional step in the grievance machinery. From now on grievances will be settled between the supervisor, the worker involved and the crew steward. A wage reopener is scheduled at the end of a year.

The workers welcomed the settlement as a good one, Lebold said, adding that the cooperation and good will throughout the negotiations stood in sharp contrast to the attitudes of a few weeks ago, when the company penalized several employees for violating rules in the plant. When the plant leaders pointed out some of the defects in the stiff discipline and the resentment of the workers because of it, the company promised to change them for the better, Lebold said.

The negotiating committee included Local 28 Pres. Charlton Morrow and Steward Glen Steele plus several rank and filers, all led by Lebold.

Skilled Mechanics Backed at Campbell's Soup, Win Demand

CHICAGO, Ill.—In a late hour settlement which came after an impressive demonstration of solidarity by the entire Campbell's Soup plant membership, the company agreed to wage increases totaling 15 cents an hour for 100 skilled mechanics and seven and a half cents for a second group of 50 mechanical department employees, Int'l Rep. Al Evanoff reported.

Membership meetings of the entire plant late last month had voted overwhelmingly to strike if necessary in support of the demand of the mechanics that the company correct inequities in their wages as compared with similar jobs elsewhere in the industry.

The Local 194 negotiating committee had informed the company of the members' preparations, and a demonstration stretching for two blocks in front of the plant gave effective confirmation of the members' determination to support the mechanics.

Picket schedules were already drawn and a leaflet distribution to the public was ready, when the company finally came up with the wage offer which the men accepted.

Defeat AFL Raid

The skilled workers, in such categories as machinist, machine repair, scale repair, welders and millwrights, recently defeated an attempt by an AFL craft union to carve their unit out of Local 194. After the election victory for '194', negotiations got under way for wage increases for the group. Also involved were the adjusters-maintenance men.

In both cases the company had said flatly that they could take or leave an offer, which amounted to 12½ cents for the more skilled group and five cents for the adjusters-maintenance group.

But the men demanded proper consideration for their skills and higher increases which would bring them closer to rates paid for similar jobs elsewhere.

The settlement provides for the mechanics seven and a half cents an hour retroactive to Dec. 1, 1953, five cents retroactive to Dec. 28, and an additional two and a half cents effective Dec. 1, 1954. The total brings their rates as of next Dec. 1 to \$2.18½ an hour.

Retroactive Increases

The adjusters-maintenance men received five cents retroactive to Dec. 1, 1953 plus two and a half cents effective Sept. 1, 1954, and for the first time established their group as a classification separate from production.

Evanoff pointed out that this settlement victory takes on added significance in view of the start of negotiations with Campell management next month on the contract reopener, due Dec. 1. He said it provides a valuable demonstration to the company of the unity of the plant in Local 194.

Akron Co-op Signs, AFL Raiders Lose

AKRON, O.—The members of Local 1801, who work at the Akron Co-op Supermarket, won a new contract this month which calls for a general increase of five cents an hour, three weeks' vacation after ten years' service and improvements in seniority provisions.

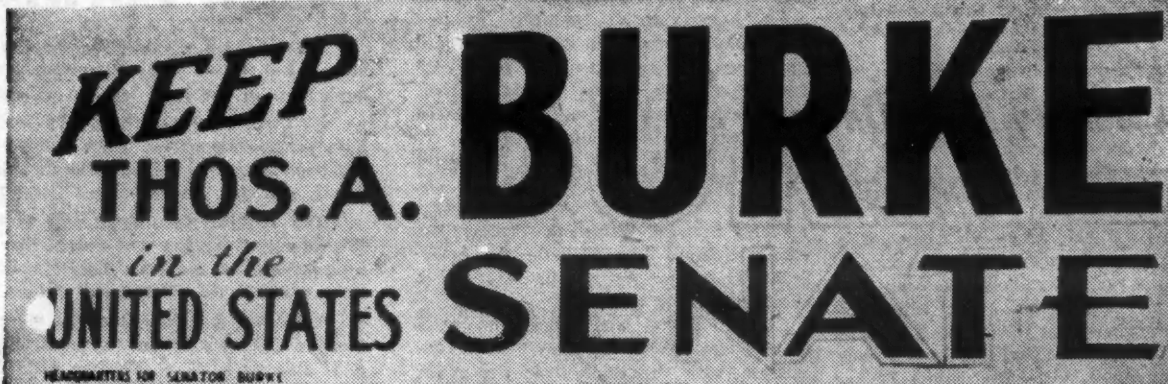
The contract gains were won in the face of an attempted raid on the local by the AFL Retail Clerks, which failed badly and served to rally the members more strongly behind the Local 1801 program.

Additional improvements in conditions include a guaranteed 40-hour work week for all regular employees, streamlining the grievance procedure and improvements in work schedules. The negotiating committee was led by Local 1801 Pres. Grace Ringwalt and included Vice-Pres. Josephine Eggert, Rec. Sec. Margaret Tests, Treas. Irene Schrenk and Morris Kelly. They were assisted by Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles.

Win New Pact at Welch Plants



SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATORS shown above won new agreement with Welch Grape Juice Co. in Lawton and Mattawan, Mich. Wage increases averaging seven cents per hour and other improvements were gained by 110 Welch employees. Committee included, l. to r., Leo Barnes, Alice Hall, Chester Henson, Local 374 Pres. Forrest A. Powers, Roy Burmeister and Roy Diehl.



RWDSU members in Ohio have two special reasons for being active in CIO-PAC this fall. One is that Tom Burke is the Democratic candidate for Senator. The second is that Burke's opponent is Rep. George Bender, an arch-conservative and anti-labor Republican.

Gerald Hughes, RWDSU Ohio State director, says that these two candidates demonstrate exactly why it is necessary for union members to be concerned about politics, for they represent diametrically opposite viewpoints.

Let's consider Bender first: a reactionary ever since he entered the House in 1938, he has more recently turned to investigations as a means of winning publicity and votes. As chairman of the Bender sub-committee, his special target is the labor movement and union welfare and pension funds.

By contrast, Tom Burke is a devoted, hard-working and honest public servant with a strong belief in moderation. Last summer, as mayor of Cleveland, he announced plans to retire upon completion of his term of office.

Then came the sudden death of Sen. Taft, and Burke's close personal friend, Gov. Frank Lausche, once again persuaded him to set aside his own wishes to serve the people of his state. Few nominations to the Senate have ever met with as widespread popular acclaim.

Burke's political career began in 1930 when he was called upon to lead a drive against corruption. Named assistant prosecutor of Cuyahoga County (Cleveland), he immediately captured statewide attention by successfully prosecuting a vote-fraud scandal.

Following this, Burke went back to his eminently successful law practice until

1941 when Lausche was elected mayor of Cleveland. He called Burke back to public office as his administration's law director. The two have formed one of the nation's remarkable political "teams" ever since.

When Lausche was elected governor in 1945, Burke almost automatically became mayor. He later went before the people of Cleveland in four elections and despite huge expenditures to defeat him, decisively whipped the Republican machine each time.

The Burke Administration brought to Cleveland the biggest capital improvement program in the city's history.



SEN. THOMAS A. BURKE
Has Labor Backing

The Midwest

Knights of the Road

Hobo Union Fears It's 'Respectable'

By LES FINNEGAN

McKEESPORT, Pa.—One of the nation's oldest and most unusual "unions" held its 46th annual convention here, but the two-day meeting received little or no national notice.

The Hoboes of America—more formally known as the International Itinerant Workers' Union—had only one serious convention issue. Some delegates feared that their organization, founded in 1908 in Cincinnati, had grown too respectable.

There was no disagreement, however, on the basic membership requirement that specifies: "A Hobo Will Work; A Tramp Won't; And A Bum Can't." Delegates reiterated their friendship for "stay-at-home unions."

Proof of this friendship, said Jeff Davis, perennial head of the Hoboes Union, is the fact that "two of our boys during their travels in the last year have become members of 17 unions, five other Hoboes are members in good standing—on leave, of course—in 14 unions, and six others are members of eight different unions."

That, concluded Davis, "is real fraternal relations."

Until the Lausche-Burke Administrations, Cleveland had been preponderantly a Republican stronghold. Their reform program could never have succeeded without strong Republican, as well as Democratic support, and Burke's consistent reelection was in part a repudiation by the people of Cleveland of the city's GOP organization, headed by Rep. Bender.

Since being sworn in last January, Burke has been spending an average of about 10 hours a day at his new job as Senator. He has already distinguished himself as an unusually effective legislator. Although beaten in his first major floor fight, he won immediate respect and recognition as a new friend of the people.

Ironically the issue which caused Burke's first major Senate speech was the same one which had been his first concern as Cleveland's law director back in the 'forties. It was the effort of the gas lobby to escape Federal Power Commission regulations.

Burke wants the Taft-Hartley Act amended to make it fair to labor, although he has made no commitments to labor in any regard. As mayor, he was independent in labor, as well as all other matters, but CIO officials who worked with him in Ohio say that "Tom Burke can be counted on for a fair decision."

Fairness, on Taft-Hartley and other matters is all labor has ever asked.

250 at Borden's Join in Toronto

TORONTO, Ont.—The drive of the RWDSU to organize the dairy industry here continued to score impressive success as 250 of the 450 employees of Borden's Dairy signed up in Local 440 and—to erase any doubts as to their choice of union—promptly paid their initiation fees to the RWDSU Dairy Employees, Vice-Pres. Tom MacLachlan reported.

The organization at Borden's follows an election victory at the Valley View Dairy last month, in which the workers voted 84 to 44 for RWDSU over an AFL union. Contract proposals at Valley View have been drafted and are ready for presentation to the employer, MacLachlan said.

At Borden's, Local 440 applied for certification last week, as the RECORD went to press, and the employees were awaiting an answer from the Canadian Labour Relations Board.

In still another organizing victory, RWDSU Dairy Employees Local 440 won certification as the union of the 60 employees of Borden's Chateau Cheese plant in Ottawa. Demands for a first RWDSU contract have been put before the management, and negotiations are to begin soon.

Elsewhere in Local 440 contract negotiations were under way at Silverwood's Dairy, with two conferences having thus far been held between the union and management.

Assisting MacLachlan in the dairy drive in Toronto are Int'l Reps. Jack Lovelock, George Barron, Walt Kensit and Elmer Rayeroff.

35-Hour Week in B. C. Office Pact

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The office employees of the British Columbia Coast Vegetable Marketing Board won a new contract last month which calls for a reduction in hours and wage increases averaging seven and a half cents an hour, RWDSU Vice-Pres. Gerald Emary reported.

The work week was reduced to 35 hours—and is one of the first such provisions to be negotiated in the distributive industry in western Canada, Emary said.

The wage increases are retroactive to March 1, providing a substantial lump sum of back pay to the employees. Improvements were won in other contract conditions as well.

Late last month negotiations between Local 580 and MacDonald's Consolidated resulted in a basis for settling the contract renewal, Vice-Pres. Emary reported.

Heads Borden's Pension Board

COLUMBUS, O.—Robert Clark, a route salesman at the Moore & Ross dairy of the Borden Co., and a member of Local 379 RWDSU, was elected chairman of the newly formed Dairy Pension Joint Board. The Pension Board consists of three representatives each from the Union and management. Other union men on the Board are Everett Andrews and William H. Lee.

The new pension program for employees at the Borden and Diamond dairies was established last month when the companies agreed to pay \$12 per employee per month into a union-management administered pension plan, described by Hughes as "the finest dairy pension in the country."



ROBERT CLARK
Chairman-elect of Borden's
Pension Board

New Bakery Pact in Indiana



CONTRACT SIGNING brings negotiating committee of Mishawaka, Indiana RWDSU local together with Kuss Bakery employer, William Kuss, seated, left. Others in photo are, Int'l Rep. Dan Roser, seated next to Mr. Kuss. Standing are committeemen, l. to r., Don Sandefer, James Kimmell, Leo Shamary. The employees at Kuss Bakery won a new contract last month which provides for three weeks' vacation with pay after ten years' service, health and accident insurance on an optional basis, with partial contribution by the company, and other improvements, Roser said. He also reported the signing of a first RWDSU agreement with the South Bend Pure Milk Co.

Truman, Stevenson Set Midwest Tour

Former Pres. Harry S. Truman and Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, will head the list of party leaders campaigning for a Democratic 84th Congress.

Truman, who has been convalescing from an operation, will make his first major speech at a Kansas City fund-raising dinner Sept. 14.

Stevenson's campaign opener will be at a rally in Harrisburg, Pa., on Sept. 8.

Smishek Asks Improvements In Workmen's Compensation

Extensive changes in the provincial Workmen's Compensation Act were recommended last month by W. E. Smishek, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour nominee on a seven-member review committee.

Smishek is an International Representative of RWDSU. Accident prevention "should be viewed as a vital, expanding thing," Smishek said, hence all safety inspections should be carried out by the Workmen's Compensation Board and more trained accident prevention officials hired to assist labor and management.

The SFL representative did not agree with the recommendation of an annual payment to the Board by the Saskatchewan Government, as opposed to the principle now in effect of levying assessments on industry in proportion to accident rates.

On compensation benefits, Smishek urged the immediate increase of maximum payments to 90 per cent of earnings. The majority report recommended an increase to 80 percent, from 75, for those earning \$60 or less weekly; and the minimum weekly compensation to \$25, from \$15 and \$20; and upward revision of pensions set when wages were low.

Approval in principle was given the recommendation of extending benefits to agricultural workers in both reports. However, the SFL strongly urged that farm organizations be requested to outline a plan providing adequate coverage related to their specific dangers, which should be separately administered.

The addition of pulmonary and respiratory irritation "from exposure to vapors, mists and dust" to the list of compensable diseases was recommended in the majority report. Smishek also said that greater discretionary powers should be given the Board.

The SFL report positively recommended the establishment of a rehabilitation bureau under the Board, to work closely with the Board's placement officer.

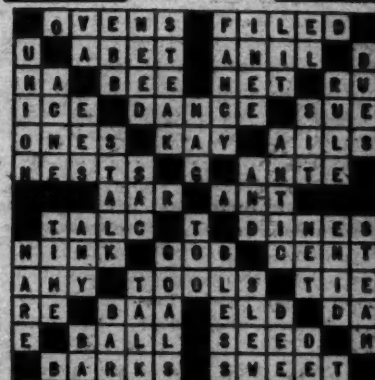
News Briefs From Ontario

LONDON—Employees of the Brass Rail tavern won recognition of RWDSU Local 448 as their union after a brief strike in July. Some 40 workers are involved, and contract demands are being drawn up for presentation soon under the leadership of Int'l Rep. Walter Kensit.

STRATFORD—Employees of two hotels, the Empire and the Windsor, have joined Local 448 and await certification of RWDSU by Canadian Labour Relations Board. Stratford is near London, where Local 448 represents employees of 18 hotels.

ORILLIA—A conciliator was appointed to aid in settling the contract between Local 461 and Trent Valley Bakery.

Cross-word Answer



(Puzzle appears on Page 12.)



RWDSU Plays Big Part In Florida CIO



Pres. Max Greenberg addressing Florida State CIO convention.



WORLD'S LARGEST CITRUS CANNERY is represented by this delegation from Local 43 in Dade City, Fla., shown at Florida State CIO Convention with leaders of RWDSU and CIO Exec. Vice-Pres. John Riffe. Front row, left to right, Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, in charge of RWDSU Southern Area, Riffe, Pres. Max Greenberg, J. F. Bush of Local 43. Rear row, Local 43 Org. Larry Larsen, Lamar Oliver of '43' and Harsley Wilkinson, president of Local 43.

WHEN THE FLORIDA State CIO Council held its 5th Annual Convention in Miami Beach last week, RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg was a featured speaker, and prominent among the delegates were Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, in charge of the Southern Area for RWDSU, and a delegation from the huge Packing plant in Dade City, world's largest cannery of citrus juices.

The welcome mat was out for the new, big RWDSU, whose Florida membership constitutes one of the most substantial groups in the State CIO. Pres. Greenberg's effective address, describing the problems of organizing in the jurisdiction of the RWDSU, and the great need to build a powerful union in the South, drew an ovation from the delegates.

Greenberg and Osman conferred with CIO Exec. Vice-Pres. John Riffe and Florida CIO Pres. William Grogan, exploring the possibilities of organizing in Florida. When such a campaign is launched, the CIO leaders pledged, the full cooperation of CIO will be forthcoming.

Later, Greenberg and Osman met with Organizational Dir. Alvin E. Heaps and Vice-Pres. Frank Parker to review the general Southern picture, and specifically Alabama and Georgia.

A particularly noteworthy aspect of the Florida State CIO convention was the fact that, for the first time in a Southern city, all delegates—regardless of race, color or creed—were accommodated in a resort hotel without discrimination. Miami Beach city officials expressed pride in this "first" for their city. The Miami Beach convention bureau head extended an invitation to the RWDSU to hold its next Executive Board meeting in Miami Beach, pledging there would be no discrimination.